

Revival of NTC Mills

528. SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY:
SHRI A.C. JOS:
SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to revive some closed mills of National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expected amount likely to be spent on revival of these closed mills;

(d) the number of mills of National Textile Corporation in Uttar Pradesh are lying sick; and

(e) by when these are likely to be made operational?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) None of the mills under National Textile Corporation have been closed. There is only either partial or total cessation of activities in some of the mills mainly due to shortage of working capital.

(c) to (e) The NTC (UP) Ltd., under which there are 11 mills located in Uttar Pradesh is under reference to the BIFR and has been declared a sick company. On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around strategy for the viable mills of NTC, keeping in view the BIFR norm of the net worth of these mills turning positive, within the period prescribed by BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the revival plan.

[Translation]

Losses in Coal Companies

529. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some coal mines under different coal companies like the Central Coalfields Limited, Bharat Coking Coal Limited, the Eastern Coalfields Limited etc. are running in losses;

(b) if so, the details of such sick and loss making coal mines;

(c) whether the Government propose to close down these coal mines; and

(d) if not, the action plan chalked out by the Government to check the losses being suffered by the said coal mines and to revive them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1996-97, following 381 coal mines incurred losses:

S.No.	Company	No. of loss making mines
1.	ECL	109
2.	BCCL	61
3.	CCL	51
4.	WCL	36
5.	SECL	27
6.	MCL	29
7.	NEC/CIL	06
8.	SCCL	62
Total		381

(c) and (d) During 1996-97, production in 6 mines (4 in ECL and 2 in WCL) were suspended because of geo-mining conditions, safety reasons and inadequate working reserves.

The Coal Companies have taken a number of steps for revival of the loss making mines such as:

- (i) Deployment of manpower to improve productivity.
- (ii) Short term schemes to augment production.
- (iii) Replacement of manual loading by SDL & LHD.
- (iv) Proper utilisation of equipment.
- (v) Better maintenance, adequate back-up of spare parts and proper training to operators and maintenance personnel.
- (vi) Strict cost control measures.
- (vii) Additional resource generation through better quality control of despatches.
- (viii) Reduction of surplus manpower through Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).

[English]

Non-performing Assets

530. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received the Report of the Committee on Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) headed by Mr. A.T. Pannir Selvam, Chairman, I.B.A.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?